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My very dear Friend, 1861

We have had another
great excitement in our
city - and another glorious
triumph.

Mr. Frederick Douglass
sent word to some one,
that he would lecture
in Syracuse on Slavery,
last Thursday evening.
Our largest Hall was en-
gaged for the occasion.
When, lo! during the night
previous, placards were
put up all over the city,
threatening him with per-
sonal violence, and forcible
expulsion from our borders.

Our young Mayor, Charles
A. Andrews, Esq. imme-
diately braced himself up
^{very much} like your Governor of similar
for the occasion. He appoint-
^{name}ed fifty special policemen

and ordered out a military company. The entrance to the Hall was guarded by soldiers armed and equipped; and the regular and special policemen were scattered over the Hall, so that no person in the assembly was more than twenty feet from an official of the government.

This prompt demonstration of the resolute spirit of the Mayor prevented the intended outbreak. Mr Douglass was listened to by a large audience for more than an hour, without the slightest disturbance. Many, who probably would have taken part in the riot, if one had been allowed to break out, now wish to have it believed that it was a false alarm.

But we have proof enough
that there was a conspira-
cy to break up the meeting
and ~~knock~~ ^{roughly} Mr
Douglass, ^{and some of his friends} Some of the lead-
ers are well known.

I sent you a newspaper
containing the infamous
blatant, that was pasted
up in all parts of y^e city.
I now send another that
will confirm what I say
of the conclusion of the
matter.

If we had had such a
Mayor as Mr Andrews,
last January, our city
would not have been at
that time disgraced.

It is the wish of many
of my fellow citizens, as
well as myself, to have
in the course of the ensuing
winter a number of lectures
from distinguished men,

upon the state of our country - the root of our political difficulties and the remedy for them - or upon some topic pertinent to these times. Such a Patriotism - the extent the individual responsibility for the nation's sin - Or - any thing else equally good or better -

Now - we are particularly desirous to hear you and Mr Phillips. Will you not come and give us a lecture some time this winter. And will not Phillips come? I show him this letter and urge him, and ask him to urge you, to do us this favor. We will, at least, do

pay all your expenses,
and pay you twenty
five dollars. We hope
to do better than this.

But so well we will do.

If you and Mr P
would like to have
me, I think I can
make arrangements
for you to lecture in the
course of the same week
in Albany, Utica, Au-
burn and Rochester.

Do let me hear from
you that you will come.

I hope you received
the copy, that I sent you,
of my Fast Sermon, and
that you approved it.

The events of the last
week have put a new face
upon the affairs of our coun-
try. I hope would I could
be sure that the adminis-

traitors of our great Government are equal to this crisis. ~~in fact~~ But I distrust Mr Seward and have not entire confidence in the ability of the President.

Nothing would do my wife, as well as myself more good than visits from you and Mr Phillips. We have not enjoyed such treats for several years.

My family are now all as well as they ever are. My wife's health will probably never again be perfectly good. Charlotte who has been lately quite sick, is now better than before. Joseph made us a visit of two days last week, on his way from Minnesota to New York

whether he has gone to take
a very good situation as
private tutor. — John
Edward has been living
in New York more than
two months as a clerk
in the Custom House.

George Emerson is clerk
in a hardware store in
this city, in which he is
giving his employers ex-
cellent satisfaction. —

I wish you would give
my love to your wife,
and to each of your
promising children —
and write me how you
and they all are, and
what they are doing. —
Has Wendell obtained
pleasant and sufficient
by profitable employ-
ment. — Next to my own
children there are none

in whose welfare I take
so much interest as
your children. The last
Saturday's Tribune brought
me the tidings of my Jack-
son's death. Whom has
he left that will fill
his place? He was one
of our towers of strength,
in the day of trial —

Please remember me
most affectionately to
Aunt Charlotte Coffin.
Tell her that we miss
her every day, I might
almost say every hour of
every day. —

Let me hear from you soon.

Yours affectionately

Samuel J. May

Mr Wm Lloyd Garrison —